

# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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**Post-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☐ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**  
☐ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Conference of State Bank Supervisors

Travel date(s): September 30-October 2, 2019

Name of accompanying family member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	591.65	479.52	47.23	n/a
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): I attended every session of the event in the attached itinerary beginning with the "Welcome Remarks" at 8:15am on Oct. 1st through the "Break" at 10:30am on Oct. 2nd.

10/16/19  
(Date)

Jordan J. Ebert  
(Printed name of traveler)

Jordan J. Ebert  
(Signature of traveler)

## TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

10/16/19  
(Date)

Terry Moran  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

# Community Banking in the 21st Century

Research and  
Policy Conference

Senate Staffer Attendees: Jordan Ebert (Moran)

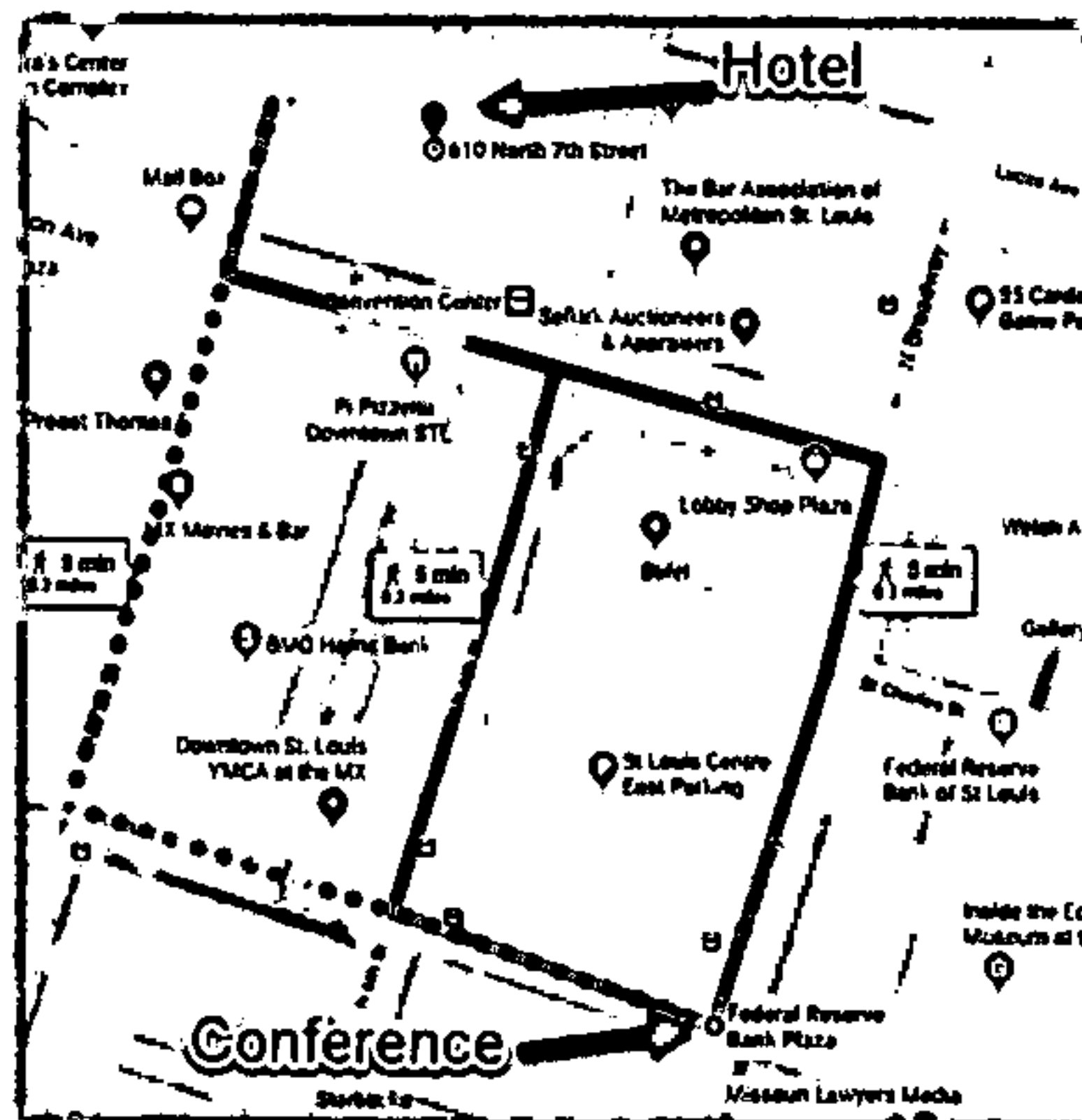
## Community Banking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Research and Policy Conference September 30-October 2, 2019

### Monday, September 30 - Travel Day

**Air Travel:** Depart DCA (Reagan Airport) on Southwest Air at 6:40 PM, Arrive at St Louis Lambert Airport Southwest 7:15 PM

**Hotel:** Rooms are reserved at the Embassy Suites by Hilton St Louis Downtown

Embassy Suites by Hilton St Louis Downtown  
610 North 7th Street  
Saint Louis MO 63101



All events are held at  
the Federal Reserve  
Bank of St. Louis.

Research and  
Policy Conference

**Tuesday, Oct. 1**

**8:15 a.m.**

**James Bullard, president and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Michelle Bowman, governor, Federal Reserve Board of Governors**

**9:15 a.m.**

**Andrew Meyer, senior economist, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Jelena McWilliams, chairman, FDIC**

**1:15 p.m.**

**Moderator:** Thomas Siems, senior economist and director of research, CSBS

**Community Bank Discussant:** Gary Petersen, chairman, Cornerstone Bank, New Town, N.D.

### Papers and Presenters:

**Natural Disasters, Loan Loss Accounting and Subsequent Lending:  
Does Pro-Cyclical Loss Accounting Intensify Capital Constraints?**  
Rajesh Vijayaraghavan, University of British Columbia

**Bank Branching Networks and Geographic Contagion of Oil Price Shocks:** Teng Wang, senior economist, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

10 a.m.

**Community Bank Discussant:** Lori Maley, president and CEO, Bank of Bird-in-Hand, Bird-in-Hand, Penn.

***Who's Holding the Bag? Regulatory Compliance Pressure and Bank Risk-Shifting?*** Lamont Black, DePaul University

***Is There a Benefit from Reduced Regulation on Small Banks?***  
**Francesco Valsavas, University of Leeds**

**2:45 p.m.**

**3 p.m.**

**Moderator:** Michael Gibson, director, Division of Supervision and Regulation, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

**Community Bank Discussant:** Craig Goodlock, chairman and CEO, Farmers State Bank of Munith, Munith, Mich.

***Risk-shifting, Regulation and Government Assistance***  
Padma Sharma, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

***Deregulation, Market Structure and the Demise of Old School Banking: Stefan Lewellen, Pennsylvania State University***

**Reliance on Third Party Verification in Bank Supervision**  
Yadav Gopalan, Indiana University

**11:30 a.m.**

## Tuesday, Oct. 1, cont.

### 2019 CSBS Community Bank Case Study Competition Winning Presentation and Video 4:30 p.m.

**Introduction:** Robin Wiessmann, secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities

**Students:** David Hibner, Katherine Migatulski, Wyatt Page and Matthew Schaeffer, Juniata College

**Faculty Advisor:** Sinéad Gallagher, assistant professor of accounting, Juniata College

**Community Bank Partner:** Gregory Hayes, president and COO, Kish Bank, Belleville, Pa.

### Dinner Reception 5:30 p.m.

**Evening Keynote 7 p.m.**  
Julieann Thurlow, president and CEO, Reading Cooperative Bank, Reading, Mass.

### End of Day 1 8 p.m.

## Wednesday, Oct. 2

### Breakfast and Networking 7:15 a.m.

**Morning Keynote 8 a.m.**  
Patrick Harker, president and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

### Break 8:45 a.m.

### Research Paper Session 4 9 a.m. *Technology and Banking*

**Moderator:** Traci Mach, principal economist, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

**Community Bank Discussant:** Michael Busch, president and CEO, Burling Bank, Chicago, Ill.

### Papers and Presenters:

*Small Bank Lending Amidst the Ascent of Fintech and Shadow Banking: A Sideshow?* Kandarp Srinivasan, Northeastern University

*What is Fueling the Fintech Lending Revolution? Local Banking Market Structure and Fintech Market Penetration*  
John Hackney, University of South Carolina

*Bank Technology: Productivity and Employment*  
Zhonghua Wu, Florida International University

### Break 10:30 a.m.

### Panel Discussion 10:45 a.m.

**Moderator:** Christine Gaffney, senior vice president, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

### Panelists:

Leslie Andersen, president and CEO, Bank of Bennington, Bennington, Neb.

Melissa Eggleston, chief deposit officer and executive vice president, nbkc bank, Kansas City, Mo.

Jonathan Griffin, senior vice president and chief business development officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis

### Conference Wrap-up 11:45 a.m. John Ryan, president and CEO, CSBS

### Conference Adjourns Noon

**Air Travel:** Jordan Ebert departs St. Louis on Southwest Air at 1:10 PM CT, arriving at DCA Southwest Air 4:10 PM ET



## EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

**Pre-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at [ethics.senate.gov](http://ethics.senate.gov). Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Jordan James Ebert

Name of Traveler: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran

Employing Office/Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference of State Bank Supervisors

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): \_\_\_\_\_

September 30, 2019 - October 2, 2019

Travel date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

St. Louis, MO

Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

As Senator Moran's Banking Counsel, I handle the portfolio associated with the Senator's membership on the Senate Banking Committee as well as portions of the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee on Appropriations, of which the Senator is also a member of. Insights from CSBS' upcoming "Community Banking in the 21st Century Research and Policy Conference" will help inform my understanding of current and future banking policy initiatives for advising the Senator in my role.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

9/6/19  
(Date)

Jordan J. Ebert  
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

Jerry Moran

Jordan James Ebert

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

9/6/19  
(Date)

Jerry Moran  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

## **Ebert, Jordan (Moran)**

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**From:** Dana Barbieri <DBarbieri@csbs.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 2:20 PM  
**To:** Ebert, Jordan (Moran)  
**Subject:** Community Bank Research Conference

Hi Jordan,

I hope recess is treating you well.

As you may know, every year CSBS and the Fed co-sponsor a Community Bank Research Conference in early October. The FDIC joined in last year as a sponsor of the event too. (The FDIC's participation followed Jelena McWilliams exposure to the conference while on the Senate Banking Committee.) Leveraging data from a national survey of community banks, insights gained from hundreds of banker interviews, and independent academic research, the research conference provides in-depth and holistic review of the community banking industry and the policy issues it faces. You can find more information on the overall conference at <https://www.communitybanking.org/>.

This year's conference will be on Oct 1-2 at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. In addition to banker and researcher panel discussions, keynote speakers include: Miki Bowman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Jelena McWilliams, chairman of the FDIC; and Patrick Harker, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. You can see the full agenda [here](#).

We always set aside a few seats for Congressional staff. I wanted to extend an invitation to you to attend this year's conference. I know the Senate schedule and other demands could pose a challenge but given your boss's strong support of community banks, would love to have you join us.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks for your consideration,

--Dana

**Dana E. Barbieri**  
Vice President, Legislative Policy  
Conference of State Bank Supervisors  
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This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS)

3. Dates of travel: September 30-October 2, 2019

4. Place of travel: St. Louis, MO.

5. **Name and title of Senate invitees:** Brandon Beall, Professional Staff Senate Banking, rest on addendum

☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

- OR -

7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

- AND -

8. I *certify* that:

☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.

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**9. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

**OR**

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

**- OR -**

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

**10. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

- 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:**

CSBS in conjunction with the Federal Reserve System and the FDIC are the only sponsors of the

**Research Conference.** Since the Federal Reserve System and the FDIC are government entities, they are not considered private sponsors for purposes of this trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

CSBS is the organization of banking regulators from all 50 states and U.S. territories. The Conference is consistent with our mission to support the leadership role of state bank supervisors in advancing the state banking system; ensuring safety and soundness; and fostering innovative state regulation.

- 14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:**

CSBS has previously invited Congressional staff, both House and Senate, to the Research Conference.

**This is the first year we have agreed to pay for staff travel.**

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21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The lodging expenses are more than the per diem for St. Louis, MO. because we had to pick a hotel in close proximity to the event which guarantees attendees can be on time for the early start of the Research Conference. Meal expenses are less than the per diem.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Round trip coach class airfare from Washington, D.C. to St. Louis, MO. Standard taxi or shared ride service for ground transportation to and from airports in Washington, D.C. and St. Louis, MO.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

**No entertainment.**

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

**Signature of Travel Sponsor:**

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**Name and Title:** Michael Stevens, Senior Executive Vice-President

**Name of Organization:** Conference of State Bank Supervisors

**Address:** 1129 20th Street, N.W. Suite 900

**Telephone Number:** 202-296-2840

**Fax Number:** 202-296-1928

**E-mail Address:** mstevens@csbs.org or ssussman@csbs.org

**Instructions**  
(Do not file the Instructions with OPR)

**General Instructions**

- The Senate Select Committee on Ethics (“Ethics Committee”) has developed guidelines for evaluating privately-sponsored trips and for judging whether trip expenses are reasonable. Trip sponsors should consult the *Senate Select Committee on Ethics’ Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel*, including the *Glossary of Terms*, prior to filling out the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* and contact the Ethics Committee at (202) 224-2981 with any additional questions. The Ethics Committee will make the final determination as to whether the expenses incurred during a privately-sponsored trip are reasonable.
- If there are multiple sponsors, they should jointly complete one *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* for the trip. Each travel sponsor should complete the signature block.
- When evaluating a trip proposal and judging the reasonableness of expenses, the Ethics Committee will consider the following factors:
  - a. the stated mission of the organization sponsoring the trip;
  - b. the organization’s prior history of sponsoring congressional trips, if any;
  - c. other educational activities performed by the organization besides sponsoring congressional trips;
  - d. whether any trips previously sponsored by the organization led to an investigation by the Select Committee on Ethics;
  - e. whether the length of the trip and the itinerary is consistent with the official purpose of the trip;
  - f. whether there is an adequate connection between a trip and official duties;
  - g. the reasonableness of the total amount spent by a sponsor of the trip;
  - h. whether there is a direct and immediate relationship between a source of funding and an event;
  - i. the maximum *per diem* rates for official Federal Government travel published annually by the General Services Administration, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense;
  - j. whether travel to a location or event is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation, or whether it is specifically organized for Congressional staff; and
  - k. any other factor deemed relevant by the Select Committee on Ethics.

Consult the *Senate Select Committee on Ethics’ Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel*, including the *Glossary of Terms*, for further discussion of these factors.

- Responses to each question should be brief, consistent with the requirement to provide all relevant information. Attach additional pages, as necessary.
- To allow sufficient time for the Ethics Committee to review requests for privately sponsored travel, the participating Senate Members, officers, and employees must submit the completed form to the Ethics Committee at least **thirty (30) days** before the date of the proposed trip.



**Filling out the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** (Question by Question Instructions)

1. *Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):* A sponsor of a trip is any person, organization, or other entity contributing funds or in-kind support for the trip. A sponsor must have a significant role in organizing and conducting a trip and must have a specific organizational interest in the purpose of the trip. If Members, officers, and employees are participating in an event or fact-finding trip in connection with their duties, they may accept necessary travel expenses only from the event or trip sponsor.
2. *Description of the trip:* Provide a brief statement about the purpose of the trip.
3. *Dates of travel:* Provide the dates of departure and return.
4. *Place of travel:* Provide the destination(s) for the trip.
5. *Name and titles of Senate invitees:* Provide the name and title for each Senate Member, officer, or employee who is invited on the trip.
6. *I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:* A Senate Member, officer, or employee may accept privately sponsored travel only from sponsor(s) of a trip that fits one of the categories listed. Consult the instructions for question 9 to determine if the trip meets the lobbyist accompaniment standard.
7. *Financing of the trip, earmarked funds and in-kind contributions:* Senate Members, officers, and staff may not accept privately-sponsored travel funded by a registered lobbyist or foreign agent. Members, officers, and staff may not participate in privately-sponsored travel when the sponsors accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked for this particular trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal. Earmarking includes any direction, agreement, or suggestion -- formal or informal -- to use donated funds, goods, services, or other in-kind contributions for a particular trip or purpose.
8. *Lobbyist/agent of a foreign principal involvement:* Senate invitees may not participate in trips planned, organized, arranged, or requested by a lobbyist or foreign agent in more than a *de minimis* way, which means negligible or inconsequential. It would be considered inconsequential for one or more lobbyists or foreign agents to serve on the board of an organization that is sponsoring travel, as long as the lobbyists or foreign agents are not involved in the trip. It is also permissible for a lobbyist to respond to a trip sponsor's request to identify Senate invitees with interest in a particular issue relevant to a planned trip. However, a lobbyist is not allowed to solicit or initiate communication with a trip sponsor, have control over which Senate employees are invited on a trip, extend or forward an invitation to a participant, determine the trip itinerary, or be mentioned in the invitation.

*Example:* A trip sponsor that is a § 501(c)(3) non-profit organization asks a lobbyist to recommend staffers who might be most interested in joining a trip to the U.S.-Mexican border. If a lobbyist knows a staffer who has a particular interest in the DEA's activities at the border, then providing that information (in light of the trip sponsor's request), in and of itself, would not exceed a *de minimis* level of participation, and would be permitted. However, it would not be permissible for the lobbyist to initiate contact with the trip sponsor to suggest that a particular Senate staffer be invited or forward an invitation to that staffer. Consult the instructions for question 9 to determine if the trip meets the lobbyist accompaniment standards.





17. *Congressional participation:* For events that are arranged without regard to congressional participation (for example, annual meetings, conferences, seminars, and symposiums of trade associations, professional societies, business associations, and other membership organizations), the Ethics Committee may, but is not required to, allow Senate Members, officers, and employees to accept lodging and meal expenses that are commensurate with what is customarily provided to non-congressional attendees in similar circumstances. For events specifically arranged around congressional participation, lodging, meal expenses and other expenses must be "reasonable" in accordance with Ethics Committee regulations.
18. *Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:* The location of the trip *must be related to its purpose*. A brief but detailed description of the reason for the selection of the location must be provided.
19. *Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:* Include the exact name and address of the hotel or other lodging facility.
20. *Reasons for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:* Provide an explanation of the sponsor's rationale for selecting the particular lodging, include information such as proximity to the airport or site to be visited.
21. *Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participant compare to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:* Where feasible and available, trip expenses for lodging and meals should generally be comparable to the government *per diem* rates. The circumstances surrounding a particular trip may legitimately require lodging and meal expenses to exceed these rates. Consult the Ethics Committee regulations for additional information.
22. *Describe the type and class of transportation being provided:* While coach or business-class fare may be accepted, first-class fare for any mode of transportation may be permitted only under limited conditions and only with specific prior written approval by the Ethics Committee. Transportation on a private or charter aircraft is not permitted for privately-sponsored travel under any circumstances.
23. *Expenses for recreational activity, alcohol, or entertainment:* The only recreational or entertainment activities that will be approved by the Ethics Committee are those that are provided to all attendees and are an integral part of an event. Alcoholic beverages are not considered to be a reasonable expense.
24. *List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:* Entertainment expenses that are not provided to all attendees and deemed an integral part of the event will not be approved by the Ethics Committee.
25. *Certification:* The trip sponsor *must* sign the form and certify that the information is true, complete, and correct. For trips with more than one sponsor, each additional sponsor *must* complete its own signature page and certify that the information contained in the form is true, complete, and correct.



**Addendum to Senate Ethics Form**

5. Katherine Duveneck, LA for Sen. Sasse; Andrew Rothe, LA for Sen. Rounds; Jordan Ebert, LA for Sen. Moran; Laura Swanson, Minority Staff Director Senate Banking; Carol Wayman, Minority Staff Director Senate Banking Subcommittee on Economic Policy

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